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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute the following clean text claims for the pending claims of the same number.

1. (Amended) A cooling system for a hot plate, comprising:

a hot plate having a plurality of radially arranged internal pipelines, wherein each pipeline has an inlet and an outlet positioned adjacent to each other and along a plane parallel to the hot plate, and wherein each pipeline is separate from the other pipeline.